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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Conner Peter

> (First) (Middle)

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

(Street)

WALLA WALLA, WA 99362

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BANNER CORP [BANR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/02/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title below)

Executive VP, Banner Bank

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State) (.	Table	e I - Non-I	uired, Disposed of	ed, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		F	135 (1)	D	\$ 55.29 (2)	20,185	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		A	2,110 (3)	A	\$ 54.88 (4)	22,295	D	
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	04/02/2018		A	3,165 (5)	A	\$ 54.88 (4)	25,460	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transac	ctionNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underl	ying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	Derivative			Securities	(Instr. 5)	
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1	or	
									Number	
									of	
				Code	V (A) (D)				Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Conner Peter

10 SOUTH FIRST AVENUE WALLA WALLA, WA 99362 Executive VP, Banner Bank

Signatures

/s/Peter J. 04/03/2018 Conner

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares relinquished to cover tax obligation on vesting of 571 shares of restricted stock pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Market price on March 29, 2018.
- Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan; shares vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on April 2, 2018 and (3) ending on the third anniversary thereof. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.
- (4) Market price on April 2, 2018.

(5)

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Represents award pursuant to 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan and is subject to the achievement of specified corporate and individual performance goals over a period that began on January 1, 2018 and ends on December 31, 2020. The extent to which the award vests, if at all, depends on the extent to which the performance goals are satisfied. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of the Issuer's Common Stock upon vesting. These restricted stock units are subject to forfeiture and to limits on transferability until they vest.

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